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Claim for Priority

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Applicant hereby asserts a claim for priority under 35 USC 120 to each of the following:

United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/457,226 filed on December 8, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/844,395 filed on April 18, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,010,633, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/631,877, filed on April 16, 1996, now United States Patent No. 5,645,601, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/289,696 filed on August 12, 1994, now abandoned.

Entry of the claim for priority is requested. Applicant has attached hereto a marked up copy of page 1 of the specification including the claim for priority, and a clean replacement page 1 of the specification including the claim for priority. A replacement Declaration of Inventors asserting the claim for priority is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of June, 2002.

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

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